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1. HEREWITH MARVIN KALB'S CBS TV 7/5/74

MARVIN KALB REPORTS FROM ROME THAT THROUGHOUT KISSINGER'S TRIP FROM MOSCOW TO ROME HE STATES IT IS DIFFICULT TO IMPOSSIBLE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS ON WATERGATE AND DO HIS WORK. HE WILL ANSWER NO MORE QUESTIONS UNTIL HE RETURNS TO WASHINGTON AND BEFORE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE. HE HAS INSTRUCTED SENATOR FULBRIGHT TO RELEASE ALL THE TRANSCRIPTS OF HIS PAST TESTIMONY SAVE THOSE PARTS OF THE TESTIMONY THAT WOULD BE INJURIOUS TO OTHER PEOPLE. KISSINGER ALLEGES THAT HE HAS DOCUMENTATION TO DISPROVE ALL OF COLSON'S CHARGES AND IS MORE SERIOUS ABOUT RESIGNATION.

2. HEREWITH GRAHAM CBS - TV - 7/5/74

GRAHAM REPORTED ON THE UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPT OF KISSINGER'S LAWYERS TO HAVE THE SUBPOENA ISSUED TO HIM TO TESTIFY IN
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THE PRESENT PLUMBERS CASE SQUASHED.

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2. HEREWITH IS MARVIN KALB'S FIRST LINE REPORT FOR THIS A.M. 7/6/74.

SUMMARY:

SECRETARY OF STATE, HENRY A. KISSINGER, LEFT THE MOSCOW SUMMIT LATE WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON BEFORE THE PRESIDENT LEFT IN FACT AND FLEW OFF TO DUSSELDORF, THE INDUSTRIAL METROPOLIS ON THE RHINE. FOR AN HOUR AND A HALF HE CONFERRED WITH THE NEW WEST GERMANY FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER AND THEN HE WENT TO WATCH A SOCCER GAME.....WEST GERMANY HAS A RELATIVELY NEW GOVERNMENT. HELMET SCHMIDT, AN ECONOMIST, WANTS TO LOWER GERMANY'S INFLATION RATE AND SAVE GERMANY'S POST-WAR PROSPERITY. THE GERMANS ARE UNCERTAIN AS TO WHETHER HE CAN SUCCEED.....KISSINGER THEN FLEW ON TO BRUSSELS. ON THURSDAY MORNING HE TALKED TO THE BELGIUM PRIME MINISTER, A FORMER STUDENT OF HIS WHEN BOTH WERE AT HARVARD-ONE STUDYING THE OTHER TEACHING. THE SECRETARY THEN BRIEFED THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL CONSISTENT WITH PRESIDENT NIXON'S COMMENTS TO THAT ORGANIZATION ONLY A WEEK BEFORE, THIS MOSTLY ABOUT THE MOSCOW SUMMIT-HIS MODEST SUCCESS IN KEEPING THE SPIRIT OF EAST-WEST DETENTE ALIVE.

BELGIUM HAS ITS OWN PROBLEMS, A SPLIT THROUGHT THE COUNTRY BETWEEN TWO PEOPLES SPEAKING DIFFERENT LANGUAGES... ....THURSDAY, LATE IN THE AFTERNOON KISSINGER WAS AGAIN AIRBORNE-THIS TIME TO PARIS WHERE HE HAD DINNER WITH THE NEW FRENCH PRESIDENT (A ROOSEVELT TYPE PATRICIAN) ANOTHER OF WEST EUROPE'S NEW LEADERS. FRANCE IS ALSO SPLIT DOWN THE MIDDLE BUT NOT BETWEEN TWO PEOPLES BUT RATHER BETWEEN TWO POLITICAL PERSUASIONS. FRIDAY AFTER BREAKFAST, HE FLEW OFF TO ROME FOR A LONG AFTERNOON OF TALKS WITH ITALIAN LEADERS. ITALY TOO HAS A NEW GOVERNMENT BUT IT IS POPULATED BY THE SAME PEOPLES - THE POLICY IS THE SAME ONLY THE PROBLEMS GET WORS.....BUT THERE IS AN INABILITY TO COPE WITH THE PROBLEMS AND THERE IS MORE SOMBER TALK THESE DAYS ABOUT ITALY REVERTING TO FASCISM OR SOME KIND OF MILITARY TAKE-OVER. VETERANS SAY THAT IT IS ALL VERY UNCLASSIFIED

ALARMIST TALK BUT IT IS NO LONGER DISMISSED OUT OF HAND. EUROPE, ALL OF THE WEST IN FACT, SEEMS HOUNDED BY POLITICAL INSTABILITY UNIFIED IN RHETORIC BUT LITTLE ELSE. SISCO

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